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SUMMARY. FULL SAUDI UNGA DELEGATION EXPECTED IN NEW YORK BEFORE OCTOBER 1 AND INCLUDES MINISTER OF STATE SAQQAF AND PRINCE MOHAMMAD FAISAL. DELEGATION INCLUDES SIX OF HIGHEST-RANKING SAUDI DIPLOMATS PLUS FIVE COUNSELORS. DELEGATION APPEARS TO BE SLIGHTLY HIGHER-LEVEL THAN LAST YEAR AND TO INCLUDE INDIVIDUALS WITH WHOM THE US DELEGATION MAY BE ABLE TO WORK MORE EFFECTIVELY, PARTICULARLY ON KOREAN ITEM. BRIEFINGS AND CONTINUED CONTACTS ON VARIOUS ISSUES FOR AT LEAST TWO MEMBERS OF DELEGATION IS SUGGESTED. END SUMMARY.

1. ECONOMIC COUNSELOR BRIEFED NEWLY-NAMED AMBASSADOR

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MA'MUN KABBANI, HEAD OF INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE DIVISION,

SAG FONMIN, ON SUBSTANCE OF MOST OF UPCOMING ISSUES AT UNGA IN ACCORDANCE WITH REFTEL A JUST BEFORE HIS DEPARTURE SEPTEMBER 20. SENSITIVE ISSUES OF TERRORISM AND POSSIBLE ME DEBATE ELECITED ONLY WRY COMMENT THAT SAG WOULD BE SEEKING CAREFUL BALANCE ON THESE. HE WAS UNABLE TO SPECULATE ON WHAT EFFECT, IF ANY, RECENT PARIS INCIDENT MIGHT HAVE ON SAG STANCE ON TERROR ITEM BUT NOTED THAT RE-ESTABLISHMENT OF RELATIONS JORDAN/EGYPT AND STILL EXPECTED RENEWAL OF REALTIONS BY SYRIA/JORDAN MEANT NEXT MOVE IS UP TO US IN ME. AS USUAL, HE INFERRED SAG WAS BEHIND MUCH OF THIS RECENT ARAB ACTIVITY. KABBANI ASKED FOR USUN CONTACT SPECIFICALLY ON SUBJECTS OF KOREAN ITEM AND ON QUESTION OF LOS. HE MAY WISH A ROUND-UP MEMORANDUM ON THESE AND OTHER SUBJECTS THOUGH IT IS OUR EXPERIENCE THAT SAUDI PERSONALITIES SEEM MOST COMFORTABLE WITH PERSONAL CONTACT.

2. YAR SUPPORT FOR KOREAN OPPOSITION RESOLUTION (REF B) REVIEWED IN DETAIL WITH KABBANI BEFORE ARRIVAL OF REFTEL C. AMBASSADOR KABBANI HAD NO STATEMENT TO MAKE ON SAG'S PROBABLE REACTION. IN VIEW OF YAR SENSITIVITIES REGARDING SAG PRESSURE TACTICS AND FACT YAR SUPPORT FOR ALGERIAN OPPOSITION RESOLUTION APPEARS TO BE BASED ON OVER-ENTHUSIASTIC DELEGATE IN NEW YORK, A FURTHER BRIEFING OF SAG DELEGATION BY USUN ON KOREAN ITEM AS IT DEVELOPS MIGHT BE USEFUL.

3. SAUDI DELEGATION, ALL OF WHOM WILL BE IN NEW YORK WITHIN NEXT WEEK OR TEN DAYS INCLUDES:

HEAD: 1. 1. HE OMAR SAQQAF, MINSTATE FOR FONAFFAIRS

DEP HEAD: 2. HE JAMIL BAROODY, SAG PERMREP UN

MEMBERS: 3. HE PRINCE MOHAMMAD BIN FAISAL, DEPMIN
DESALINATION
4. HE AMB KHALID NASSER AL TURKI, DIRECTOR
OF GULF AFFAIRS
5. HE AMB MOHAMMAD NURI IBRAHIM, DIRECTOR,
WESTERN AFFAIRS

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6. HE ZIYAD SHAWWAF, CONGEN NEW YORK

ALTERNATES: 7. HE ABDUL MALIK FARRASH, DIRECTOR OF
THE TECHNICAL COOPERATION AGENCY
8. IBRAHIM KHOJA, COMMERCIAL ATTACHE,
WASHINGTON AND NEW YORK

COUNSELORS: 9. MUQBIL AL ISSA, ARABIC AFFAIRS DIVISION

10. JAFFAR ALLAGANY, UN PERMDEL, FIRST SEC.

11. HASSAN RIDWAN, ARABIC AFFAIRS DIVISION,
FIRST SECRETARY

12. MOHAMMAD AL HAMDAN, FINANCIAL DEPT.

13. HUSSEIN MARZUGY, UN PERMDEL, FIRST SEC.

AMBASSADOR KHALID NASSER AL TURKI CAN BE EXPECTED TO BE
ON THE STAFF OF THE MINSTATE AND CLOSE TO HIM AT ALL
TIMES, TOGETHER WITH HASSAN RIDWAN.

4. THE EMBASSY EVALUATES RECENTLY-NAMED AMBASSADORS
NURI IBRAHIM AND MA'MUN KABBANI AS KEY MEMBERS OF THE
DELEGATION FOR WORKING-LEVEL CONTACTS. IBRAHIM (A
BACHELOR) IS ONE OF MINISTRY'S MOST ABLE, PLEASANT OFFICIALS,
AND HE HAS BEEN EXTREMELY HELPFUL TO EMBASSY IN PAST. IBRAHIM
STUDIED AT STANFORD AND BOULDER, COLO. IN 1940'S; HE SERVED
IN US IN EARLY 1960'S AND WAS SAUDI MINISTER TO LONDON
1965-1972. AL-KABBANI ALSO AN ABLE, FIRENDLY DIPLOMAT
WHOSE MOST RECENT POSTING WAS AS COUNSELOR IN PARIS
FOR APPROXIMATELY EIGHT YEARS. SPEAKS BOTH FRENCH AND
ENGLISH WELL.

5. EXACT TIME OF ARRIVAL OF MINSTATE FOR FONAFFAIRS
SAQQAF IS STILL UNCERTAIN AND WILL BE SUBJECT OF A
FURTHER MESSAGE.
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